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SUBJECT: SUCCESSFUL HARTAL IN SIND AND BALUCHISTAN

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS AND NUMEROUS OTHER REPORTS, THE FEBRUARY 28  
HARTAL CALLED BY PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO TO DEMONSTRATE POPULAR  
OPPOSITION TO RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIAN-HELD  
KASHMIR WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL IN SIND AND BALUCHFSTAN.  
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GCHI, THE PORT AND AIRPORT, ALL OFFICES, STORES, INDUSTRIES,  
AND SHOPS (INCLUDING EVEN "PAAN" PURVEYORS) CLOSED DOWN. BLACK  
FLAGS WERE FLOWN IN SOME AREAS. TRAFFIC SEEMED ABOUT FIVE PER  
CENT OF NORMAL AND CONSISTED MOSTLY OF OFFICIAL AND EMRGENCY  
VEHICLES; ON SOME MAIN ROADS THE FEW PRIVATE VEHICLES WHICH  
VENTURED OUT WERE THREATENED WITH STONING BY OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC

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ADOLESCENTS OF ALL AGES. ANTI-GOP STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

PREDICTED BY SOME DID NOT OCCUR. THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATIONS AT INDIA HOUSE, ACCORDING TO THE SWISS. KASHMIRIS LIVING IN KARACHI ORGANIZED SOME MODEST PROCESSIONS. REPORTS FROM THATTA AND HYDERABAD INDICATE THAT THE HARTAL WAS EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER AREAS OF SIND.

2. PAO, WHO TRAVELLED BY ROAD FROM QUETTA TO KALAT AND BACK ON FEBRUARY 28 WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL, SAW A FEW MORE SIGNS OF ACTIVITY IN BALUCHISTAN THAN WERE VISIBLE IN SIND. A FEW SMALL SHOPS IN QUETTA REMAINED OPEN SURREPTITIOUSLY, AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WAS MODERATE. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, NO INDICATIONS OF ORGANIZED EFFORTS TO REDUCE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HARTAL.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE PLIGHT OF THE KASHMIRIS STILL MOVES SOME PAKISTANIS IN OUR AREA, NEARLY ALL WELCOME A CHANCE TO TAKE A DAY OFF AND DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY BY IMMOBILITY.  
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